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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1, as follows:

The portable wireless terminal embodying the present invention comprises a first case 1 having a front surface and a rear surface, a second case 2 having a front surface and a rear surface, an interconnecting mechanism for interconnecting the two cases 1, 2. The second case 2 has a display 5 disposed thereon. The second case 2 and the first case 1 are interconnected by the interconnecting mechanism so that the second case 2 is closable to a first posture wherein at least a part area of front surface of the first case 1 is covered and is openable to a second posture wherein the part area is exposed. The display 5 is arranged at a position such that the display 5 is exposed regardless of whether the second case 2 is set to the first posture or to the second posture. The ~~part area~~ first case 1 has a pointing device 4 projecting therefrom in a direction apart from the front surface of the first case 1 ~~and~~ for an input manipulation on a screen presented on the display 5. The second case 2 has an opening extending through the case 2 from the front surface thereof to the rear surface thereof at the position opposed to the pointing device 4 when in the first posture. The pointing device 4 is, for example, in the form of a bar, and is movable so as to tilt upwardly, downwardly, rightwardly or leftwardly with its base end serving as a fulcrum.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 7 as follows:

The portable telephone in the opened state shown in FIG. 1 is brought to the closed state with the respective front surfaces of the first case 1 and the second case 2 opposed to one another as

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shown in FIG. 2, to thereby have hidden behind the first and second cases 1, 2 therebetween the numerical keys 11 arranged on the front surface of the first case 1 and the main display 50 arranged on the front surface of the second case 2. On the other hand the pointing device 4 extends through the through bore 27 of the second case 2, to have an outer end projecting toward the rear surface of the second case 2 including the sub-display 5. Thus setting the two cases 1, 2 to the closed state makes it possible to present a screen on the sub-display 5 to thereby perform the input manipulation by the pointing device 4 with the sub-display 5 for presenting the screen. In the example of the invention shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, when the second case is closed to the first posture, substantially the entire area of the front surface of the first case is covered (FIG. 2) and when the second case is opened to the second posture the entire area of the front surface of the first case is exposed (FIG. 1). In this example, substantially the entire front surface of the first case, as shown in FIG. 1, is either covered or exposed, depending on whether the portable telephone is in the first posture, or second posture. Although only this one example is shown, the present invention also considers arrangements in which the second case may only cover a part area of the front surface of the first case when closed. In the present invention, at least a part area of the front surface of the first case is covered when the second case is closed to the first posture.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 11, as follows:

The second case 2 in its closed state shown in FIG. 5 is depressed upwardly, sliding the projection provided on the rail portion 24 of the second case 2 along the guide groove 17 of the first

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case 1, to guide the second case 2 to moving, to set the two cases 1, 2 to the opened state such that the cases are lapped over one another in the smallest area as shown in FIG. 4. Furthermore the second case 2 in its opened state shown in FIG. 4 is depressed downwardly, to guide the second case 2 to moving by the rail portion 24 of the second case 2, to set the two cases 1, 2 to the closed state such that the cases are lapped over one another in the greatest area as shown in FIG. 5. In the example of the invention shown in FIGS. 4 and 5, when the second case is closed to the first posture, substantially the entire area of the front surface of the first case is covered (FIG. 5) and when the second case is opened to the second posture at least a part area of the front surface of the first case is exposed (FIG. 4). In this example, substantially the entire front surface of the first case, as shown in FIG. 5, is covered when the portable telephone is in the first posture, and at least a part area of the front surface of the first case, as shown in FIG. 4, is exposed when the portable telephone is in the second posture. Although only this one example is shown, the present invention also considers arrangements in which the second case may only cover a part area of the front surface of the first case when closed. In the present invention, at least a part area of the front surface of the first case is covered when the second case is closed to the first posture.